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FOREIGN NEWS ON APPLES

THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

Inquiry was active for American barreled apples at the Liverpool auction Wednesday, March 4, according to a cable from Fred A. Motz, Fruit Specialist in Europe for the Foreign Service of the Department of Agriculture. On the whole, prices were about the same as last week. Yorks, Winesaps, Rhode Island Greenings and Baldwins made higher prices, whereas the prices of Staymans and Albemarle Pippins declined somewhat compared with last week. Supplies of barreled apples were moderate. Demand was good for the moderate supplies of basketed apples. Supplies of boxed apples were moderate and met with an improved demand. The offerings at the auction were light. Supplies of boxed apples afloat enroute to the United Kingdom are liberal. Oregon Newtowns sold at lower prices than last week. The condition of American apples was generally good.

Some New England boxed apples were offered at the auction this week. Baldwins from New Hampshire, Utility, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch, sold at \$2.01 to \$2.25 and $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch at around \$2.19 per box. The Unclassified, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch grade sold at about \$2.01. Unclassified, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch Massachusetts Baldwins made around \$1.95 per box.

The market was active for the light supplies of barreled apples at London Wednesday, March 4. The condition of the fruit was variable. The London prices for barreled apples were somewhat below those ruling at Liverpool. Supplies of boxed apples were moderate. These met with a good demand. Oregon Newtowns made better prices than at Liverpool.

Pears were in moderate supply at Liverpool. Winter Nelis was the only variety quoted. These made better prices than last week. Pears are now arriving in commercial quantities from Australia, South Africa and Argentina in addition to the United States. About 43,000 boxes arrived this week and 55,000 are due next week.

South African deciduous fruits continue to arrive in quantity. About 150,000 packages were landed in the United Kingdom this week and 112,000 are due next week. Pears and grapes from the Argentine are landing in good condition. Spanish orange supplies are decreasing. Inquiry for oranges is stronger. About 15,000 boxes of California oranges are expected next week. Mr. Motz considers the balance of the season as favorable for American apples, particularly for the red varieties as these will not conflict with Australian and New Zealand apples.

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Prices paid for American fruit at Liverpool and London

Variety, grade and origin	Liverpool			London
	1930	1931	1931	March 4
	March 5	February 25; March 4		
<u>APPLES</u>	<u>BARRELS</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
York Imperials, Va.				
U. S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....	8.52-8.76	7.06-7.30	7.30-7.79	-
Unclassified, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....	7.06-7.42	-	6.33-7.06	-
U. S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....	-	-	2.92 a/	-
Staymans, Va.				
U. S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....	-	6.81-7.06	6.57-6.81	-
Rome Beautys, Va.				
Utility 2 inch min.....	-	6.08	6.08	-
Winesaps, Va.				
U. S. No. 1, 2 inch min.....	-	6.69-7.18	6.81	-
U. S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....	-	7.30-7.79	7.54-8.03	-
Albemarle Pippins, Va.				
U. S. No. 1, 2 inch min.....	-	-	6.93	7.18-7.66
U. S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....	8.52-9.98	7.30-7.91	8.52-9.00	-
U. S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ inch min.....	9.98	8.15-8.64	8.76-9.25	8.27-8.76
Utility 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch min.....	-	-	6.93-7.42	-
Unclassified 2 inch min.....	-	-	5.84	-
Unclassified 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch min.....	6.57-7.06	6.81-7.30	6.81-7.30	6.57
Rhode Island Greenings, N. Y.				
U. S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....	-	6.08-6.57	6.57	6.33-6.81
U. S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ inch min.....	-	6.57-6.81	6.81-7.30	6.81-7.30
Comb. U. S. No. 1-Utility 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ inch	-	-	6.57-7.06	5.96-6.33
Baldwins, N. Y.				
U. S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ inch min.....	-	6.81-7.54	6.93-7.42	-
Comb. U. S. No. 1-Utility 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in	-	6.81-7.06	7.30-7.54	5.84
	<u>BASKETS</u>			
Rhode Island Greenings, N. Y.				
U. S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....	-	-	2.19-2.31	-
Albemarle Pippins, Va.				
U. S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....	-	2.43	2.55	-
York Imperials, Va.				
Unclassified, 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ inch min.....	-	2.19	2.43	-
Staymans, Penn.				
U. S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....	-	-	2.07	-
	<u>BOXES</u>			
Winesaps, Wash.				
Extra Fancy 188/smaller.....	2.49-2.55	--	2.74	-
Newtowns, Oregon				
Extra Fancy 150/175.....	4.20-4.62	2.92-3.04	2.86	2.98-3.04
Fancy 150/175.....	3.65-4.01	3.04-3.10	2.55-2.68	2.68-2.74
Fancy 188/smaller.....	3.47-3.95	2.80-2.98	2.68	2.55-2.74
<u>PEARS</u>	<u>BOXES</u>			
Winter Nelis, Oregon				
Extra Fancy 100/120.....	-	-	3.16-3.35	-
Extra Fancy 193/smaller.....	-	-	2.68-2.92	-
Winter Nelis, Wash.				
Extra Fancy 135/150.....	-	3.41	3.47	-
Extra Fancy 165/180.....	3.59-4.14b/	3.16-3.41	3.16-3.41	-

NOTE: Quotations are for fruit in good condition unless otherwise noted.

a/ Badly scalded. b/ Size and grade not given.